

## Traffic Calming Features

"Traffic Calming" refers to modifying streets so that motorists are less likely to behave in an unacceptable fashion. Many traffic calming features have proven to be effective in reducing vehicle operating speeds. Several such features are pictured throughout this brochure.



Slow Point

The occasion of a street reconstruction project (Capital Improvement Project) is an opportune time to install traffic calming features, where appropriate.

## Eligibility Requirements

Traffic calming features may be used only on two-lane residential "local" or "collector" streets, not major thoroughfares.

The speed limit must be no more than 30 mph, and the unimpeded street length must be at least 1000 ft. Spacing between features along an otherwise unimpeded street segment should be at least 500 ft.

Slow points are applicable only on streets with less than 500 vehicles per day.

Speed humps and speed lumps are applicable only on streets where the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is at least 35 mph, and on streets with which the Fire Department concurs.



Speed Hump

## Resident Involvement

At least 2/3 of the property representatives on the specified street who respond to the petition must agree on the type of traffic calming feature and support its inclusion in the street reconstruction project.

Placement of midblock traffic calming features will depend on the cooperation of the immediately adjacent property owners.

It is preferred that the neighborhood group provide the necessary landscaping maintenance that is associated with those types

of traffic calming features that are landscaped.



Median Island

## Process

At first project meeting with neighborhood, city staff explains options for traffic calming features applicable to project streets.

Neighborhood representatives are provided with petition forms and maps to use in obtaining support from 2/3 of street's property representatives, including those immediately adjacent to midblock calming features.

At subsequent project meeting with neighborhood, the neighborhood representatives provide the City with completed application showing properties where support and opposition are expressed.

City reviews application and will include applicable traffic calming feature(s) into the capital improvement project design plans.



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# Traffic Calming in Capital Improvement Projects

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